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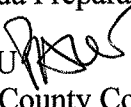
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Derek Griscavage v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10721

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Derek Griscavage v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 12-10721, in the amount of \$350,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of the use of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies on an inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Derek Griscavage v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 12-10721
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 14, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 350,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Dale Galipo, Esq. Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$350,000, the lawsuit filed by Derek Griscavage alleging federal civil rights violations at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.</p> <p>Mr. Griscavage alleges that Deputies, without probable cause, used excessive force against him.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that they acted reasonably under the circumstance in light of Mr. Griscavage's assaultive behavior; however, because of the potential for high exposure, and the uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$350,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 63,968
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,050